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Hindi Pandits

* 122 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether persons who have passed the Vidwan Examination of the Madras University in Hindi are considered qualified to be Hindi Pandits in recognized schools; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : As there are cases of the District Board teachers being sent out for want of training, will the Government kindly send a circular to the local bodies to see that they are not sent out till they are at least trained?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The question is whether persons who have passed the Vidwan Examination of the Madras University in Hindi are considered qualified to be Hindi pandits in recognised schools and in my answer I have said 'yes'. If that is not recognised anywhere, it may be brought to the notice of the Government.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1959-60—*cont.*

MR. CHAIRMAN : We will now continue the general discussion on the Budget for the year 1959–60. The Hon. the Home Minister will now speak.

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I have sought your permission to intervene in this debate for a few minutes in order that I may explain the position with reference to certain questions dealt with by hon. Members. I would like particularly to deal with the question relating to food prices. The prevalence of high prices of foodgrains is indeed a matter for worry for every one of us, whether he is a Member of the Government or a Member of the House, and more particularly that is a matter for worry to members of the general public. Sir, the prices have been soaring high and there has been fluctuation in the prices of foodgrains for some time. As has been pointed out by the hon. Member Sri P. T. Rajan, perhaps this food trouble is a legacy of the War. Ever since the last War, we have been troubled with the question of high prices and sometimes scarcity of food. Before the War, there were reserve stocks which were prudently built up year after year. But during the War production was seriously affected by the continuous failure of monsoons